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58486-F-01

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1. APPRECIATE ACTION TAKEN REF A WHICH OVERTOOK RESPONSE
BEING PROCESSED. DURING PERIOD, SECOND HEW/SOCIAL SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION PROJECT DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO
DEPARTMENT FOR FORWARDING TO EMBASSY FOR APPROPRIATE
APPROVALS AND SIGNATURES. PROJECT IS 19-P-58486-F-01,
ENTITLED "INFLUENCE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ON ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL SECURITY", WITH CAIRO UNIVERSITY.

2. WE APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR'S CONCERN FOR POTENTIAL
SENSITIVITY OF PROJECTS IN THE SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL AREA AS
REFLECTED IN HIS RECOMMENDATION (REF A) THAT SUCH SFCP
PROJECTS BE SUBJECTED ALSO TO CLEARANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT
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OF STATE RESEARCH COUNCIL(DSRC). IN FEBRUARY 1972, DSRC

ISSUED GUIDELINES TO ALL DOMESTIC AGENCIES (INCLUDING HEW) TO ASSIST THEM IN DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT THEIR PROPOSED FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESEARCH PROJECTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW. THE GUIDELINES DEFINE A PROJECT OF LESSER SENSITIVITY AS ONE THAT IS CHARACTERIZED BY SEVERAL OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) IS CONDUCTED ENTIRELY IN THE U.S.; (2) DEALS WITH HISTORICAL RATHER THAN CONTEMPORARY SUBJECTS; (3) GATHERS INFORMATION IN THE HOST COUNTRY THROUGH DOCUMENTARY INVESTIGATION RATHER THAN INTERVIEWS OR QUESTIONNAIRES; (4) HAS THE APPROVAL OF INTERESTED AGENCIES OF THE HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENT; (5) INVOLVES PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION BY HOST COUNTRY NATIONALS AS RESEARCHERS; AND (6) IS NOT DESIGNED TO CONTRIBUTE SPECIFICALLY TO THE OPERATING MISSION OF AN AGENCY OF THE U.S.G. ACCORDINGLY, SINCE SFCP PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE OCCASIONAL SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL ONES, ARE PROCESSED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSIES, ARE DONE IN FULL AND OPEN KNOWLEDGE AND CONCURRENCE OF THE HOST COUNTRY, AND ARE USUALLY UNDERTAKEN BY OR WITH HOST COUNTRY INVESTIGATORS, SPONSORING AGENCIES HAVE NOT FELT IT NECESSARY AS A RULE TO ALSO SUBMIT THEIR SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SFCP PROJECTS TO THE DSRC FOR REVIEW.

3. POTENTIALLY SENSITIVE PROJECTS ARE DEFINED IN THE GUIDELINES AS THOSE WHICH: (1) DEAL WITH THE AUTHORITY OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR WITH THE ATTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT (ESPECIALLY IF THE GOVERNMENT IS CHARACTERIZED BY INSTABILITY); OR (2) INVOLVE LARGE-SCALE OR FORMALIZED SURVEYS OR INTERVIEWS; OR (3) ARE CONDUCTED BY LARGE TEAMS, OR COVER EXTENSIVE OR REMOTE AREAS OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY. DOMESTIC AGENCIES HAVE BEEN URGED TO SUBMIT ALL THEIR SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL PROJECTS, WHICH FALL IN THE POTENTIALLY SENSITIVE CATEGORY, INCLUDING SFCP PROJECTS, TO THE DSRC FOR REVIEW.

4. THUS WE SUGGEST, RATHER THAN REVIEW AND ENDORSEMENT AS ROUTINE PROCEDURE, THAT EMBASSY POINT OUT WHEN AND IF

SENSITIVITY FACTOR IS PRESENT IN ITS OPINION ACCORDING TO THE GUIDELINES CITED ABOVE REGARDING A SPECIFIC PROJECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSAL WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT IT BE REVIEWED BY THE DSRC. WILL APPRECIATE YOUR FURTHER COMMENT.

5. IN MEANTIME SSA IS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO MOVE AHEAD WITH ITS PROGRAM NOW THAT IT HAS THESE PROPOSALS WELL DEVELOPED AND FUNDING PLANNED. SINCE WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO INTRODUCE NEW AND ADDITIONAL REVIEW FACTOR WITH ITS ATTENDANT TIME REQUIREMENT AT THIS POINT UNTIL SUBJECT

MORE FULLY CONSIDERED BY DEPARTMENT WITH EMBASSY, WE
WILL FORWARD PROJECT DOCUMENT IN USUAL MANNER. UNLESS
EMBASSY FEELS THERE IS PARTICULAR BASIS TO WITHHOLD
FURTHER PROCESSING ON THIS ONE, WE RECOMMEND THAT IT SEEK
MOFA APPROVAL. SISCO

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